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### **NEWS SUMMARY:        Marijuana Growers Indicted**

On June 24, 2003, United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that a grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Wisconsin indicted the following individuals for federal controlled substance and firearms violations: (1) DONALD E. OTTO (7/3/54); (2) SANDRA J. OTTO (3/31/58); and (3) ROBERT T. DILLON (8/29/54). United States Attorney Biskupic announced that the charges relate to the investigation of a marijuana growing operation based in Dodge County and Kenosha County. The investigation had resulted in the seizure of over 425 marijuana plants, 40 firearms, over 12,000 rounds of ammunition, and over \$95,000 in United States currency.

United States Attorney Biskupic explained that the indictment contains the following counts:

Count	Defendant(s)	Charge	Maximum Penalty
Count One	Donald Otto Sandra Otto Robert Dillon	Conspiring to manufacture marijuana	At least 5 but not more than 40 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$2,000,000
Count Two	Donald Otto Sandra Otto	Manufacturing over 300 marijuana plants in their home at W5554 Sun Road, Juneau, Wisconsin	At least 5 but not more than 40 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$2,000,000
Count Three	Robert Dillon	Manufacturing 71 marijuana plants at his home at 6130 Springbrook Road, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin	Up to 20 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$1,000,000
Count Four	Donald Otto Sandra Otto	Possessing 23 firearms in furtherance of the charged marijuana conspiracy	5 years and up to life in prison (consecutive to any other sentence), a maximum fine of \$250,000

Count Five	Robert Dillon	Possessing 4 firearms in furtherance of the marijuana conspiracy	5 years and up to life in prison (consecutive to any other sentence), a maximum fine of \$250,000
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In addition to the criminal charges, the indictment provides notice that the United States will seek to forfeit property alleged to be proceeds the Ottos and Dillon obtained from the conspiracy to manufacture marijuana or items used to facilitate the conspiracy: the residence of Donald and Sandra Otto located at W554 Sun Road, Juneau, Wisconsin; Dillon's residence located at 6130 Springbrook Road, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer; a 1994 Ford truck; 40 firearms; 12,000 rounds of ammunition; five knives; and \$95,000 cash.

This case was investigated by the Dodge County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Narcotics Enforcement. The United States Drug Enforcement Administration also provided assistance. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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